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Ref. C.No. 4295-23-V.7. South Kanara Collector's Office,
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BOARD OF REVENUE
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From
LAND REVENUE DEPT.
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From W. Wells, Esquire, M.A., I.C.S.,
Collector of South Kanara.

To

The Secretary to the Board,
Land Revenue and Settlement,
M a d r a s.

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Your obedient servant,

8.8.23
For Collector.

8-8-23

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G.W. Wells, Esquire, M.A., I.C.S.,
Collector of South Kanara.

Circular.

The Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars and the District Labour Officer, whose separate areas will be apportioned in another proceedings, are requested immediately to commence an investigation of the damage caused by floods to the people of their Taluks and to observe the following instructions. On completion of the enquiries, reports should be submitted embodying in tabular form the following information:-

I. Damage to houses.- Information on this point should be given under the following heads:-

(1) Owner of the house.
(2) Type of house.
(3) Owner's status-
  (a) Land Revenue.
  (b) Incometax.
  (c) Other sources of income.
(4) Whether partly or wholly damaged.
(5) Estimated loss caused by damage. In framing this estimate the value of the house in its actual state before damage should be taken into consideration and not the probable cost of renewal or repair.
(6) Whether relief by way of free grant of bamboos, palmyrahs or timber is necessary and if so, how much.
  N.B. This should be given in number of bamboos or palmyrahs and in the case of timber, in the proportion of a kodi which is equal to 240 koles long 12 angulas broad and 2 angulas thick. It should be specified whether the kolu adopted is Ikkeri or Malavalli kolu which are respectively 2'7" and 2'4"

The information should be gathered by a house to house enquiry in the affected parts.

II. Damage to moveable property including cattle.- Information as under

(1) and (3) under houses.
(3) Description as far as possible.
(4) Value. In the case of copper utensils their value at the prevailing rate for old copper should be taken.

III. Damage to crops.- Information as under

(1) and (2) under houses.
(3) Extent of field affected.
(4) Whether the field affected is patla, I class wet or II class wet. If the lands affected are patla lands, their extent should be separately given as those lands are not cultivated for the first crop. In the case of I class wet lands it should be stated whether they are liable to be usually submerged during the rainy season in normal years. If owing to any embankment being broken, the fields have been covered over with sand, the probable cost of rendering them fit for cultivation should be report-

It should be borne in mind in the course of the --- investigation that in this district it is the duty of the landlords (1) to provide houses to their chalgeni tenants and to renew or repair them if damaged, (2) to remit proportionate rent to their chalgeni tenants if the crop was damaged by causes beyond the tenants' control such as floods etc. (3) to repair or renew broken embankments at own cost.

2. In any kumeka timber, bamboos or nalmyrams required by landlords for use in the affected parts beyond the village in which the kumeki lies, it should be reported whether the concession is necessary and if so, its grant should be recommended.

3. In the case of the labouring classes it should be reported whether any destitution prevails among them and if so to what extent. By the word destitution is meant inability to feed or clothe oneself sufficiently for a period of time which may vary in individual cases. It is presumed that work is available for the labouring classes till the cultivation season is over and the Collector has no reason to believe that there will be danger of starvation among them till then. It should be reported when the cultivation season will be over and the labouring classes will find no work in their villages to earn their livelihood. In calculating the number of labourers or others who will be without work after the cultivation season and unable to maintain themselves, those who usually go to the ghauts for work in the plantations should be excluded and the number of the rest affected by the flood should be reported.

4. In the case of small land owners and mulgeni found to have been affected by the floods, if any of them found to be in need of a loan under either of the Loan Acts their applications should be received and investigated if they are bona-fide and reports submitted to the authorities competent to sanction the loan.

South Kanara Collector's Office,
Mangalore, 23rd July 1923.

Per. Collector.

To the Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars,
" District Labour Officer, South Kanara.
Copy to Divisional Officers.

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REVENUE **DEPARTMENT.**

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Subject.

Floods - Unprecedented - Bantwal, Panemangalore and neighbouring villages - South Kanara District - Damages caused - Report submitted.

Copies sent to all concerned

Enclosures.
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Ref. C. No. 4295-23-V.7.

Station Bantwal, *Dated the* 9th August 1923.

From (Name) G.W. Wells, Esquire, M.A., I.C.S.,

(Designation) Collector of South Kanara.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Revenue Department.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that In continuation of my telegrams of 8th and 9th August 1923, I regret to report that serious floods occurred in -- the Netravati River at Bantwal on the night of 6th-7th August and began to subside on the night of the 7th at about 10 P.M. Bantwal has suffered very severely. About a thousand ----- people of all classes have lost their homes. The Post and Telegraph office is in ruins and large stretches of streets - sometimes whole streets - have fallen down. The sufferers were received in the Gowd Saraswath Temple, the Deputy ------ Tahsildar's office, the Hospital and the Travellers' Bungalow.

There is still some congestion as to accommodation, but some of the sufferers are beginning to leave the place for ------- Mangalore and villages. They have been fed by the Temple -- authorities and there is plenty of food for the present. For a whole day the Police lines were isolated from the town and there were complaints of looting by night by Moplahs in boats, and for the first two days scarcely any boats were procurable in the town. I only saw two, one of which was plying up and down the streets and moving people out of their houses, while the other was being loaded with property. The Inspector and two or three constables were in the town, but one of the ---- Sub Inspectors was cut off in the country and the other was - isolated in a part of the town called Jakaribettu and could - not get in. The Abkari Inspector, Mangalore Circle who was on his way to the toddy sales at Beltangady was isolated on a hill behind the Police lines with a large number of persons whom he collected on the hill on the early morning of the 7th. He reached Bantwal Travellers' Bungalow on the 8th morning.

The number of deaths from the floods at Bantwal is --- estimated at four, but names and particulars are not available.

Bantwal is an important rice centre. Most of the rice stored there has either been lost or spoiled and the effect on the future feeding of the district may be serious.

I went to Panemangalore this morning. Three divisions of the Panemangalore girder bridge are gone and I am informed that the water rose to about a foot above the deck of the ---- bridge. I saw a tree stump entangled just below the deck of the bridge this morning

Panemangalore has also suffered heavily. Here too whole streets have been laid low and I found the Travellers' Bungalow full of refugees.

I have to-day received a report from the Stationary --- Deputy Tahsildar of Puttur respecting Uppinangady which shows that that town also is in ruins. He states that the Police

Station, the Hospital, the two Boys' Schools, the Garbha grahas of two temples and a few substantial buildings are alone standing and that other buildings have either wholly or partly ---- fallen. The Post office has collapsed and the records have - been lost. The Forest Range office with its records has been washed away. The records of the Abkari Sub Inspector and the Revenue Inspector have been washed away. The medical stores of the Hospital have been destroyed or damaged. The loss of rice is estimated at 2500 muras, i.e. about Rs.18,000. The - report shows that one life has been lost, that of a Moplah --- woman, but so far as could be ascertained no others. About 500 people are reported to have been rendered homeless and to have been accommodated in the Travellers' Bungalow and Tile -- factory, and a private house. It is stated that they are --- being fed, but whether this can be done for more than two or - three days seems doubtful. The loss of cattle is reported to have been heavy, and the floods are said to have also destroyed a few houses in Hirebandady, Neckiladi, Illanthila and Bajathur villages.

I enclose a copy of the Puttur Stationary Deputy ------ Tahsildar's report. I am going to Uppinangady the day after tomorrow.

Heavy floods are reported to have occurred at Mangalore on 7th August 1923 lasting till 8 P.M. The railway line ---- breached and houses collapsed at Kudroli, Sultan's Battery, -- Bolar and Jeppu. I hear that a natural bar opened opposite - to the Sultan's Battery near the site of the old bar. I have had no news yet of Coondapoor and Udipi Taluks.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

P Ramachar
10.8.23

for Collector.

10-8-23

Copy to the Board of Revenue, Land Revenue, Madras.

M.S.R./10.8.23.

Report-from Mr. S. D'Souza, Stationary Deputy ------
Tahsildar in charge, Puttur.
To-the Collector of South Kanara, Mangalore.
Dated-Puttur, 8th August 1923.
No.-

Reference:- Floods 7th instant - Uppinangadi.

On receiving information yesterday noon that Uppinangadi was in high floods myself, Mr. Padmappa, the Sub ---- Inspector of Puttur, the doctor, Ramappa, Revenue Inspector of Uppinangadi and some others hastened to Uppinangadi. The town appeared to be submerged but as the current in the ---- river was too strong no boatman dared to take us across. At last at about 5 P.M. we secured a boat with great difficulty and at a great cost. Myself, Mr. Padmappa and Ramappa only succeeded in reaching the town. The whole town was under water. The rise of the water was 12 feet higher than that reached during the 1st flood, a limit not known or heard by any person here. If the two rivers overflow and then the water meet at a point ~~each~~ east of the temple, the event is taken to be unusual as occurring very rare and on such occasions a Puja is performed in the temple. The rise of the water --- this time was about 15 feet higher than that level.

Damage.

The whole town is in ruins, the only buildings standing being the Police station, the Hospital, the stone built shop opposite to the station, the "Garbagraha" of the two -- temples of the town, the two boys schools, the main part of the house of one Gopal Bhat, 2 warehouses at the eastern --- side and the Tile factory. All other houses and shops have wholly or partly fallen down so much so the whole town may - be said to be a mass of ruins. As the water rose suddenly during the night of the 6th instant and continued rising till noon yesterday, the people only ran for their lives leaving all their things behind. The Forest Range Officer has been wholly washed away with all the records and things. The - Post office has totally collapsed with the records either --- destroyed or washed away. The records of the Abkari Sub --

Inspector and the Revenue Inspector have also been washed away. The cupboard and the Almyras in the hospital have all tumbled down and the stock of medicine and all destroyed or damaged. The water rose about 6 feet high from the level of the verandah of the hospital. The records, arms &c. in the police station have not been washed away through the pluck of the Sub Inspector who secured the door before leaving. Water rose to about 6 feet above the verandah of the station, luckily there were no prisoners in the lockup. Provision in the houses and shops have all been destroyed. The loss in rice alone being estimated at 2500 muras. Luckily as the two warehouses escaped damage, there are provisions to prevent the people from starvation. As the people had no time to release the cattle very few have been saved.

Lives.

So far as I could ascertain no life has been lost, there were 3 persons caught in the debris when we arrived on the scene. We tried our utmost to save them by going on the boats during the night. Atlast they were saved on the subsiding of the water. The Police Sub Inspector, the Ranger, the Abkari Sub Inspector, the constables of Uppinangadi saved hundreds of people with the help of Mr. Venkappa Rai, Mr. Hukra Rai. clerk. Marshal Pais. Krishna Rao and Govinda Bhat. They mention to me that one Hamabba alias Putha Monu Beary of Uppinangadi rendered them all help by taking his boat and himself saving some lives. Just while I was starting I was informed that a dead body of a moplah woman was discovered near the mosque. It is said that the dead body was washed down the river.

Relief.

All the persons were accommodated in the Tile Factory, Travellers' Bungalow and the house of Mr. Venkappa Rai which had not been reached by the floods. About 500 people have been rendered houseless. They were all fed yesterday at the cost of Mr. Bellipady Hukra alias Narsinga Rai and he had also clothed the sufferers at a cost of about Rs.100/-.

Mr. Hukra Rai, the Manager of the Sahasra Lingeshwara ----- Temple though all the surrounding buildings of the temple and his quarters have been washed away has at my request --- undertaken to feed all these persons for another two days. As I found the Tile Factory and Venkappa Rai's house over-crowded I have requested the local overseer to locate some people in the schools if they are safe after obtaining the President's sanction. I have requested Mr. Hukra Rai to -- remain in Uppinangadi and look to the relief of those ------ persons. On my way back this noon I met the President of the Taluk Board, Uppinangadi going over there. I informed him of the arrangements I have made and requested him to take -- measures for the further relief of the sufferers. I am ---- appealing to the people of Puttur for help to the sufferers.

Sanitation.

A lot of carcasses of cattle were found this morning in the debris. There was only one local scavanger there. As many carcasses as were found have been removed by the --- Paraihas. The President of the Taluk Board, Puttur has been requested to send some scavangers from Puttur for the ----- purpose.

Salvage.

People have commenced removing the debris and re-covering their articles. They are complaining that some of the articles have been stolen or misappropriated by the ---- boatmen. The Police are on their alert and Mr. Padmappa has already deputed some constables from the Puttur station to - render help to the Uppinangadi Police in keeping watch over the town and recovering the lost articles.

I have information that in addition to the Uppinangadi Town, the floods have caused havoc in Illanthila, Bajathur, Herebandady and Neckiladi villages and about a dozen houses in each have been washed away. I returned to meet the ---- Collector who was expected here and to represent the matter to him personally. But as I learn that the Collector has - returned to Mangalore, I am proceeding to the last said ---- villages and shall try to give some relief to the sufferers

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As the Revenue Inspector, Uppinangadi is engaged in the monsoon class and as the Puttur Revenue Inspector who is in charge is not fit to do any useful work on account of his ill health, I request that one of the Labour Revenue ------- Inspectors preferrably A. Thimmappa may be kindly deputed to collect the necessary information about losses etc. to be -- furnished to the Collector according to his recent orders -- and for relief work.

M.D'S.10/8. Comp'd 10/8/28

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Subject.—

H. F. XXII-A-19—7-13.

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To the Secy to Govt - R.D.

BOARD OF REVENUE
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REVENUE DEPARTMENT

G.O. No. 1288, 21st August 1923

Floods (South Kanara)—Mangalore, Venur, Hosangadi, and other villages—Collector's Reports.

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[Floods—South Kanara.]

In continuation of my letter, dated 12th August 1923, I have the honour to state that on the night of the 6th the rivers in the villages shown in the margin are reported to have been in full flood. The Venur bridge has been totally damaged and all the shops and houses in the Venur bazaar razed to the ground and the loss suffered by the merchants is roughly estimated at Rs. 27,500. Four persons are said to have perished in Nittade, the deaths being either directly or indirectly due to the floods and a small number of cattle have been lost.

(1) Shirlal, (2) Karambar, (3) Naravi, (4) Bajre, (5) Nittade, (6) Venur, (7) Hosangadi, (8) Marur, (9) Arambodi, (10) Puchamogar.

I have since seen Mr. K. Sadasiva Bhat of Karkal who has visited Venur. He tells that there is no destitution in Venur, that food is available, though such articles as salt, matches, tobacco, kerosine oil are very scarce. He has made arrangements to supply them. He adds that the shop-keepers who have lost their shops have been persuaded by him to re-open business in temporary buildings and that they have already selected land for new shop-sites and applied to the Tahsildar for them.

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Reference from the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue and Settlement), No. H. 2161/23-5, dated 18th August 1923.

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Submitted to Government in continuation of Board's Reference No. H. 2161/23–3, dated 11th August 1923.

S. Wadsworth,
Secretary.

Order—No. 1288, Revenue, dated 21st August 1923.

Miscellaneous.

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2. The Collector's detailed report on the floods in Mangalore town and its suburbs is awaited.

(By order of the Governor in Council)

E. W. Legh,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue and Settlement).
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